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# MAYOR RACE SPARKS CAMPAIGN

### A Penny for your Thoughts

Putting aside his telescope for a while, the HERALD'S inquiring photographer asked this question:

"Some observers have said that there is no particular military advantage in the U. S. being the first to land on or circle the moon, and that the U. S. shouldn't worry if Russia gets there first. Do you agree? Why?"

Phyllis Patti, Manhattan Beach, secretary:

"I agree. I can't see what the particular advantage of getting to the moon would be myself. I don't think we should hurry."

Les King, Palos Verdes, insurance agent:

"I disagree. It would indicate a great advancement on our part to be first to the moon. It would be a psychological and technological advancement."

Virenia Eldridge, Manhattan Beach, secretary:

"I think it would be a great advantage to get to the moon. It is a new field that has not been explored. If we were first, there might be a great advantage to us."

Norman Bostick, 710 Crenshaw, Torrance High student:

"I think that whoever gets to the moon first will be able to rule the world. They would be able to get all kinds of advanced reports and things like that."

Marie Miller, 2365 W. 246th St., Lomita, housekeeper:

"I do not agree at all. Our whole future depends on whether we are advanced or not. We should take advantage of every opportunity. It would show that we are able to keep the peace."

Charles H. Scheu, 21242 Archibald Ave., oil worker:

"I do not think we should worry about it. The advantages of getting to the moon are not that great. There would be a certain psychological advantage, I suppose."

### Little League Bake Sale

A bake sale for the benefit of the Southwood Little League will be held Saturday, at Clark Market, Southwood Drug Co., and Dunlap's. Those wishing to donate bakery goods should phone Mrs. Pat Fulford, 5106 Lee St.



L. N. GILL Dies Suddenly

## L. N. Gill Dies On Trip Abroad

Final arrangements for LaVerne Noyes Gill, 53, manager of the Torrance plant of American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corp. who died Saturday night in Venice, Italy, were pending yesterday, awaiting the return of his widow.

Mr. and Mrs. Gill were on a six-week tour of American Standard's installations in Europe at the time he was stricken, apparently the victim of a heart attack. They left Feb. 27 and were expected to return next week.

### Here 10 years

Gill became manager of the local plant in January, 1957, having previously served as plant superintendent. He joined the firm after graduating from Iowa State in 1927, and came to the Torrance plant in 1947. He was previously at the firm's San Pablo, Calif. plant.

A resident of Palos Verdes Estates, he was a member of the Torrance Kiwanis Club and a past president of the Palos Verdes Breakfast Club. During the YMCA fund drive, he served as Century Club chairman. He also was a member of the American Ceramics Society and was on the board of Trustees at the Palos Verdes Neighborhood Church.

### Survivors

Survivors include his widow, Martha; a son, Philip, Torrance attorney; daughter, Miriam, University of Southern California student; mother, Mrs. Iva Jane Gill, Palo Alto; sister, Percy Gill, Corvallis, Ore.; brothers, Col. John H., La Mesa; and William, Los Angeles; and two stepsons, David Neal, Duke University student; and Stephen Neal, Mexico City.

### Riddle Jury Deadlocked

A "hopelessly deadlocked" jury was dismissed Monday afternoon after it was unable to reach a verdict on a Torrance refrigeration mechanic who is charged with shooting and killing his estranged wife in a pickup truck last Oct. 27. The Superior Court jury indicated that it could not decide on the case of William E. Riddle, 40.

## Plan to Drain Waleria Lake Voted by City

Draining of Waleria Lake of the present water to permit farming to be resumed there was ordered by the city council Tuesday on the heels of a discussion on a proposed bond issue which would provide a major relief for the area.

The city voted to expend up to \$5000 for equipment rental to pump the water across the airport into the county flood control system. Labor and fuel for the operation would be furnished by the Waleria businessmen and residents of the area, according to an informal agreement made at the meeting by Jack Brown, former president of the Waleria Businessmen's Club.

To Rent Pumps The city would rent two diesel pumps and nearly 6000 feet of invasion pipe to get the water across the north end of the airport where it could be dumped into the drainage ditch leading to the county's flood control system.

Such a solution to the current water problems in the Waleria Lake area was suggested by Councilman Nick Drale at last week's meeting. Figures on costs presented to the council were the result of an engineering study ordered at that time.

Plans for approximately \$2.5 million in additional flood control relief were outlined for the council by top officials in the city's engineering and public works department.

Sump in Waleria Top project would be a 30 to 40-acre sump in Waleria Lake (Continued on Page 7)



EARLY BIRD . . . O. R. Trueblood, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, accepts a \$50 check from Frank Dussel, president of the local Junior Chamber, toward Torrance's entry in the 1959 Rose Parade. The money was the first from an organization, although Joe Peters was the first individual contributor. Trueblood said that the float drive is not yet under way and that the donations were voluntary and unsolicited.

## Council Seeks Tax Reduction

Official action urging Congress and President Eisenhower to reduce federal taxes, including income tax, was voted by the city council Tuesday as it adopted a resolution introduced by Mayor Albert Isen.

The resolution, prepared by Isen and presented to the council at its meeting Tuesday evening, said a large number of workers who are residents of Torrance have been laid off from their jobs and asked that taxes be reduced to give relief to all of the people of the United States.

Isen cited the resolution adopted on his recommendation last week urging Torrance industries and businesses to establish a policy to give job preference to Torrance residents.

In another move asking for action on a national level, Isen asked for and got approval to present a resolution demanding that all mail addresses within the city be put under the Torrance Post Office.

Large parts of the city now receive mail through another post office, he said.

### Larks Will Be Delighted with Classified Ads

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## Front Runners Pick Up Tempo

Campaigning for Torrance city offices is entering its final 10 days with indications on all sides that the tempo will be stepped up to a more vigorous pitch during the remaining days.

While the various campaigns have been marked by a quiet, almost impersonal approach, many observers believe the honeymoon is about over, and that all candidates will begin getting down to issues.

At stake in the April 8 election a week from next Tuesday is the newly created post of an elected mayor and three council seats.

Making all-out campaigns for the No. 1 office are Nick Drale and Albert Isen, both experienced in handling the council gavel.

### 15 In Race

A slate of 15 candidates, including Incumbent Willys Blount, is seeking seats on the new seven-man city council. Three will be elected. Blount is expected to retain his post.

Front runners for the other two seats on the council include George Bradford, Virgil Hancock, and George Vico, who are battling it down to the wire.

Not to be counted out as strong contenders are J. A. Beasley, Jim Thompson, and Thirvin Fleetwood. Each is making a determined bid to get one of the three seats opening up in April.

Holdover members of the council will be Victor E. Benstead and Robert Jahn. Each have two more years to serve on their present terms.

### A Late Entry

A late entry in the April 8 race will be the \$3 million parks and recreation bond issue providing \$2 million for acquisition of new park sites and another \$1 million to improve existing city parks. A committee headed by Mrs. Louis Bisou is spearheading a drive to win a successful vote on the issue which was defeated at a special election in (Continued on Page 7)

## Drale Scores Local Apathy In Elections

"The current apathy in the city election campaign disturbs me greatly," Nick Drale said yesterday during a chat with supporters of his bid for election to the newly created office of an elected mayor.

"It disturbs me because far too many people feel that there are no important issues at stake," he added.

Drale, who served Torrance as mayor during 1954 and 1955, lashed out at one-man government by saying he had no doubt that "my opponent intends to secure a stranglehold on the Torrance city government."

### Slim Margin

"Since a 17-vote margin of victory two years ago, giving him control of the city council, he has never hesitated to wield this power," Drale said.

Drale, who has been endorsed by the powerful steelworkers union, business, and homeowners groups, claimed the mayor took the slim margin of victory as a mandate to run things as he saw fit.

"He brushed aside all tradition in the method of appointments and almost succeeded in saddling the city with a grandiose scheme for an immense public park. That scheme would not only have cost the taxpayers millions of dollars but it would have denied residents in other sections of the city the advantages of smaller district parks, a program I always favored," Drale said. "I have served on the city (Continued on Page 7)

## Big Rally for Candidates Set Saturday Night

All candidates for political office in the upcoming April 8 election are invited to a public reception and rally to be held at the National Guard Armory, 2505 Cabrillo Ave., this Saturday from 7 to 11 p.m.

Sponsored by Mayor Albert Isen, the rally is something new for this area. All candidates will get space to present their qualifications to the citizens, and coffee and doughnuts will be served.

## Drale Slates Huge Rally

A rally for the friends of Nick Drale has been scheduled for Wednesday night, April 2, beginning at 7:30, at the Higgins Brick Patio in north Torrance, it was announced yesterday.

The rally is open and all Torrance residents are invited to attend, according to Joe Doss, Drale's campaign manager.

Free coffee and doughnuts will be served, according to Phyllis Davis, co-chairman of the Drale campaign.



PRIZE WINNER . . . The Torrance entry in the California International Flower Show at Hollywood Park took a special prize for the second straight year. Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and headed by Mrs. Minot Rugg, the display featured materials donated by local businessmen. Most of the work was done by local citizens and members of garden clubs. The theme was "Torrance Junior Gardeners. Here, Mary Kay Klein greets the mannequin in the display while Mrs. James E. Stadler, member of the Beau Jardin Garden Club, puts on the finishing touches.



MORTGAGE BURNING . . . On hand to celebrate the 34th anniversary of mortgage burning of Torrance Moose Lodge 785 were many past governors and top city officials. In the foreground, Governor Fred Lydy welcomes Councilman Nick Drale. Others, left to right, include Past Governors Tommy Wilkes and Stanley Heiman, Councilman Willys G. Blount, and Past Governors Albert Bartlett, James Evans, Jimmy Johnston, Danny Desmond, and Joe Piatt.